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Dear Hal,

Four of the past fivee days I've had letters from Rye, full of an assortment of various kinds of crap, letters of great length he has written to a number of people, all loaded with open threats to Tom and dark hints of the evils he will bring down on the heads of unnamed others, and, most interesting of all, a photocopy of a statement he gave the FBI April 6, 1965.

I particularly direct your attention to the first sentence of the third paragraph, which I have marked in red:"I have never made any threats against the President of the United States, or the Director of the F.B.I."

Unless the FBI and/or the Secret Service had reason to believe he had or might have, what purpose was served in taking a statement of any kind from him relating to a threat against the President? Particularly when the Secret Service was present. The statement is signed by the FBI and the Secret Service agents who saw him.

I have concluded he is insane, based upon only my observations when he was here-I got that impression before he left-and what has happened since.

However, whether or not he is sane, this report makes more interesting his selection to get the word to us, does it not?

Chew it over andmention it to Harv, who I wrote today without getting around to this. If he wants a copy, I can make one from the black and white photocopy he sent me.

In the most recent letter, dated 2/27 and sent to an assistant DA in NO who told Rye he had no criminal case in NO, Rye said he was flying to SF in three days and would makes charges with the FBI, against Tom and those same, darkly-mentioned but unnamed others.

Interesting also that the FBI/Secret Service was interested in his ownership of a rifle.

Sincerely,